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October 7, 2003 Date:

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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a \square continuation \boxtimes divisional Continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/106,192 filed on March 27, 2002, incorporated by entire contents of which are hereby reference, by

Kiyoshi TAKEUCHI, Shigeki UEHIRA and Mario AOKI

for

DYE-FORMING COUPLER, SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC LIGHT-SENSITIVE MATERIAL, AND AZOMETHINE DYE COMPOUND

Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, drawings/photographs 1. declaration and claims, applicable).

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The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
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3.	A check in the amount of \$770.00 and \$18.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.	Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.	Enclosed is/are() sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
6a.	A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/106,192 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.	The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.	The prior application is assigned to <u>Fuji Photo Film</u> <u>Co., Ltd.</u>
8.	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

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Priority of Application No(s). 2001-102538 and 2001-

102698 filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>March 30, 2001</u> is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter

claiming priority filed in the prior application on August 18, 2003.

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9b.		Priority of Interunder the Pates Application No. U.S.C. § 120 and/o	national Appln filed on nt Cooperation Treaty and filed in on under 35 or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
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12.		An extension of ti	me for() month(s) until l in parent Application No. 10/106,192 ablish co-pendency with the present
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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 October 7, 2003

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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10/106,373	March 27, 2002	1752

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion of the

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application which caused it to be cited, including any claims directed to that portion are attached hereto.

The materials in the envelope are considered trade secrets and are being submitted for consideration under MPEP § 724.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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